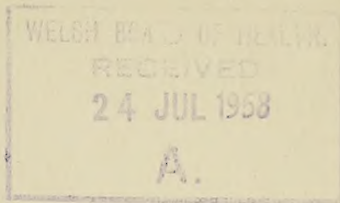


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Public Health Inspector/Surveyor - D.I. Davies, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,  
M.R.I.P.H.H.

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KNIGHTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Knighton Rural District Council.

June 1958.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Walker and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to submit my fourteenth Annual Report upon the vital statistics, sanitary conditions and general health in the Rural District of Knighton.

In submitting my report I shall endeavor to include in addition to the required statistics and particulars of infectious diseases, an account of sanitation in the area under my control.

During the year several properties were brought up to modern standards through improvements carried out under the Hill Farming Acts and the Housing Acts. A total of 27 plans were given byelaw consent for this purpose.

Six applications for improvement grants were received and were all approved by the Council.

Progress on the Council's slum clearance programme was rather slow owing to various difficulties encountered in the purchase of land, but towards the end of the year there were signs of this being speeded up.

It is also heartening to record that the Council have decided to undertake the collection of household refuse, and it is to be hoped this scheme will commence as early as possible in the new year.

OFFICIALS.

The Ministry of Health has requested details and qualifications of the Council's Senior Public Health Officers, which are as follows:-

Medical Officer of Health (part-time) Dr. J.G. Garman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Public Health Inspector (full time) D.I.Davies, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,  
M.R.I.P.H.H.

All matters of Public Health are under the control of these Officers, and the whole Council deal with matters of Public Health, there being no separate Public Health Committee of the Council.

STATISTICS.

Total Area (in acres) of the District.	88,667.
Population.	3,020.
Rateable Value.	£27,821.
Sum represented by the product of a penny rate.	£115. -. -.

BIRTHS.

There were 47 live births registered during the year, of which 21 were male, and 26 female, giving a birth rate of 15.5 per 1,000 of the population of the area.

The birth rate for 1956 was 9.2 per 1,000 population of the area.

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Annual Report of the National Office of Health  
for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

The Chairman and Members of the  
Legislative Council.

June 1958.

The Chairman, The Minister and Members,

It is my privilege to submit my Annual Report upon the work of the National Office of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

In submitting my report I wish to express my appreciation to the various departments and individuals who have assisted me in the preparation of this report.

During the year several important projects have been completed, and the work of the National Office of Health has been carried out in accordance with the programme of work approved by the Council.

Six applications for Government Grants were received and were all approved by the Council.

Programme on the Council's part of the programme of work for the year ended 31st December, 1957, has been carried out in accordance with the programme of work approved by the Council.

It is also a pleasure to record that the Council have agreed to increase the allocation of Government Grants, and it is to be hoped that this will enable us to carry out our work more effectively in the new year.

COMMITTEES

The Ministry of Health has continued to be a member of the Council's Public Health Committee, and has also been a member of the Council's Public Health Committee.

Public Health Committee (Chairman: Mr. A. G. Brown, M.B.E., F.R.C.P.)

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All members of the Public Health Committee are under the control of the Council, and the Council has also members of the Public Health Committee, and the Council has also members of the Public Health Committee.

STATISTICS

Total Area (in acres) of the Districts.

Population.

Rateable Value.

Not represented by the Council of a local authority.

FINANCE

There were 47 items during the year, of which 11 were new, and 36 items, giving a total of 1,100 of the population of the area.

The total cost for 1957 was £1,100,000, of which £1,100,000 was for the year.



## DEATHS.

The total number of deaths of all ages registered during the year was 22, giving a death rate of 7.28 for the whole district as compared with 40 deaths in 1956 giving a rate of 13.15 per 1,000.

## INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Only one death under one year of age was recorded. There were two in 1956.

## ANTE-NATAL CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

There are Ante-Natal Infant Welfare and Tuberculosis Clinics in operation at Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. The Home Visiting of expectant mothers attending the Ante-Natal Clinic is undertaken by the Health Visitor.

Within reasonable distance Hereford, Shrewsbury, Llandrindod Wells and Newtown Hospitals are available for treatment, and Hereford and Shrewsbury have centres for the treatment of venereal diseases.

## ORTHOPEADIC SCHEME.

This scheme covers all children and adults with fortnightly clinic at Llandrindod Wells.

## SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Resulting from the regular inspection, provision is made for treatment. An Eye clinic is installed in Knighton and Llandrindod Wells. A Mobile Dental Service is provided at each school in the area.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Listed below are all the infectious diseases that were notified during the year:-

### (a) Whooping Cough.

Two cases were notified, one male and one female.

### (b) Measles.

Eight cases were notified - 5 males and 3 females.

### (c) Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

One new case was notified during the year being a male person 24 years of age.

### (d) Salmonella Typhimurium.

A 3 month old baby girl contacted this infection and was removed to Hereford County Hospital.

### (e) Asian Flu.

An outbreak of Asian Flu was experienced throughout the district commencing in the Autumn and subsiding towards the end of December. This was mainly of a mild form but causing several occurrences of broncho pneumonia, mostly in the aged.

## SCHOOL CANTEENS.

All schools in the Rural District have canteens where mid-day meals are provided for the scholars.





## FOOD INSPECTION.

All food premises within the district are periodically inspected by the Public Health Inspector.

## WATER SUPPLIES.

It is again regretted that so little progress was achieved during the year in installing a proper supply of water in the Bleddfa and Lugg Valley area. Conditions at Bleddfa, Llangunllo and Norton are very bad where the existing supplies are likely to dry up without warning.

Sampling of water is undertaken regularly, both from the Council's supplies and from private sources, and the analysis of such samples is carried out at the Aberystwyth General Hospital and the Royal Salop Infirmary Shrewsbury.

## MILK SUPPLY.

There are no main dealer's premises situated within the Council's area, but three retailers from adjoining Authorities retail milk in this Rural District, all three being subject to supplementary licences for this purpose.

## ICE CREAM.

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area, and only five are registered for the storage and sale of pre-packed ice cream. Periodical inspection of these premises are carried out by the Public Health Inspector, and conditions are generally satisfactory.

## RODENT CONTROL - Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A systematic survey of properties is being carried out by the Council's Rodent Operator and treatment given where found necessary.

## MIDWIVES ACT.

The District Nurses working in the Rural Area act as Health Visitors for the County Council.

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

No new factories have been opened within the district during the year.

## OUTWORKERS.

So far as is known to your Officers there are no outworkers in the Rural Area.

## COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

## CONCLUSION.

In concluding my Annual Report, I would express my thanks to the Members and Staff of the Council for their help and co-operation in my work as Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honour to remain  
Your obedient Servant.

J.G. GARMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

FOOTNOTES.

All food premises within the district are periodically inspected by Public Health Inspectors.

WATER SUPPLY.

It is again suggested that no filter program was started during the year in installing a pump supply of water in the Elkhart and Long Valley areas. Conditions at Elkhart, Elkhartville and Fortson are very bad where the existing supplies are likely to dry up without warning.

Sampling of water is undertaken regularly both from the Council's own and from private sources, and the analysis of such samples is sent out to the Laboratory General Hospital and the Royal College Institute.

WATER SUPPLY.

There are no water supply's provided within the Council's area but these facilities from existing authorities within the area. However, all these being subject to supplementary license for the purpose.

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There are no supplementary of the area in the area and only have an indication for the purpose and only of the area. However, the indication of these premises are sent out to the Elkhart Health Inspector and conditions are generally satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY - Inspection of Council by Public Health Inspector.

A systematic survey of properties is being carried out by the Council's Public Health Inspector and treatment given where necessary.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Elkhart Health Inspector in the Elkhart area and in Elkhartville for the Council's benefit.

WATER SUPPLY AND WASTE.

As the Elkhart area have been opened within the district during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

So far as is known in the Elkhart area there are no outflows in the area.

WATER SUPPLY AND WASTE.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

WATER SUPPLY.

In continuing my Annual Report, I would express my thanks to the Council and Staff of the Council for their help and co-operation in my work as Medical Officer of Health.

I have the honor to remain  
Your obedient servant,

L. B. GARRARD.

Medical Officer of Health.



